

THE POLARIS
FESTIVAL IS
COMING TO
A CLOSE,
HOW IS
KEITAROU?!

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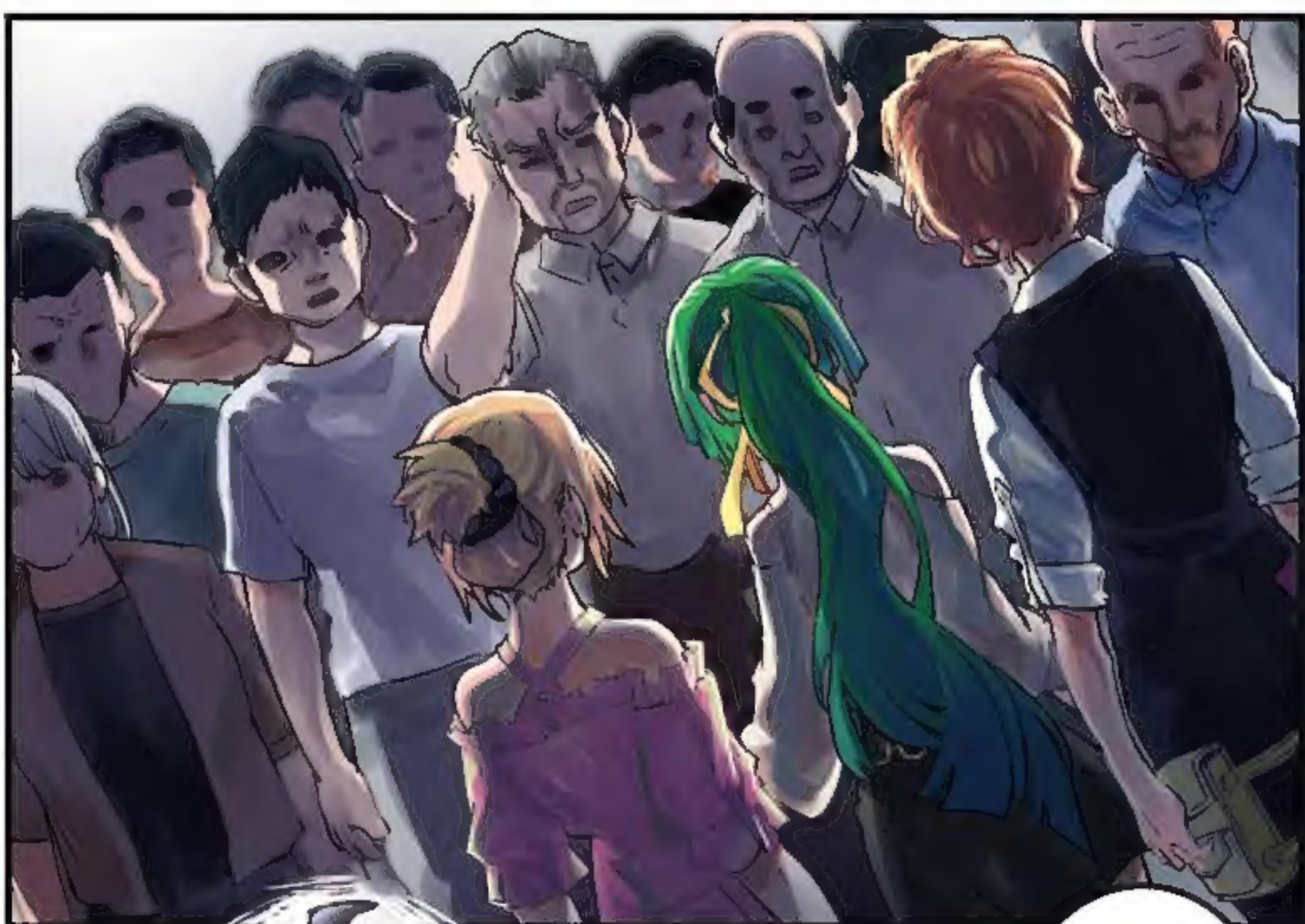
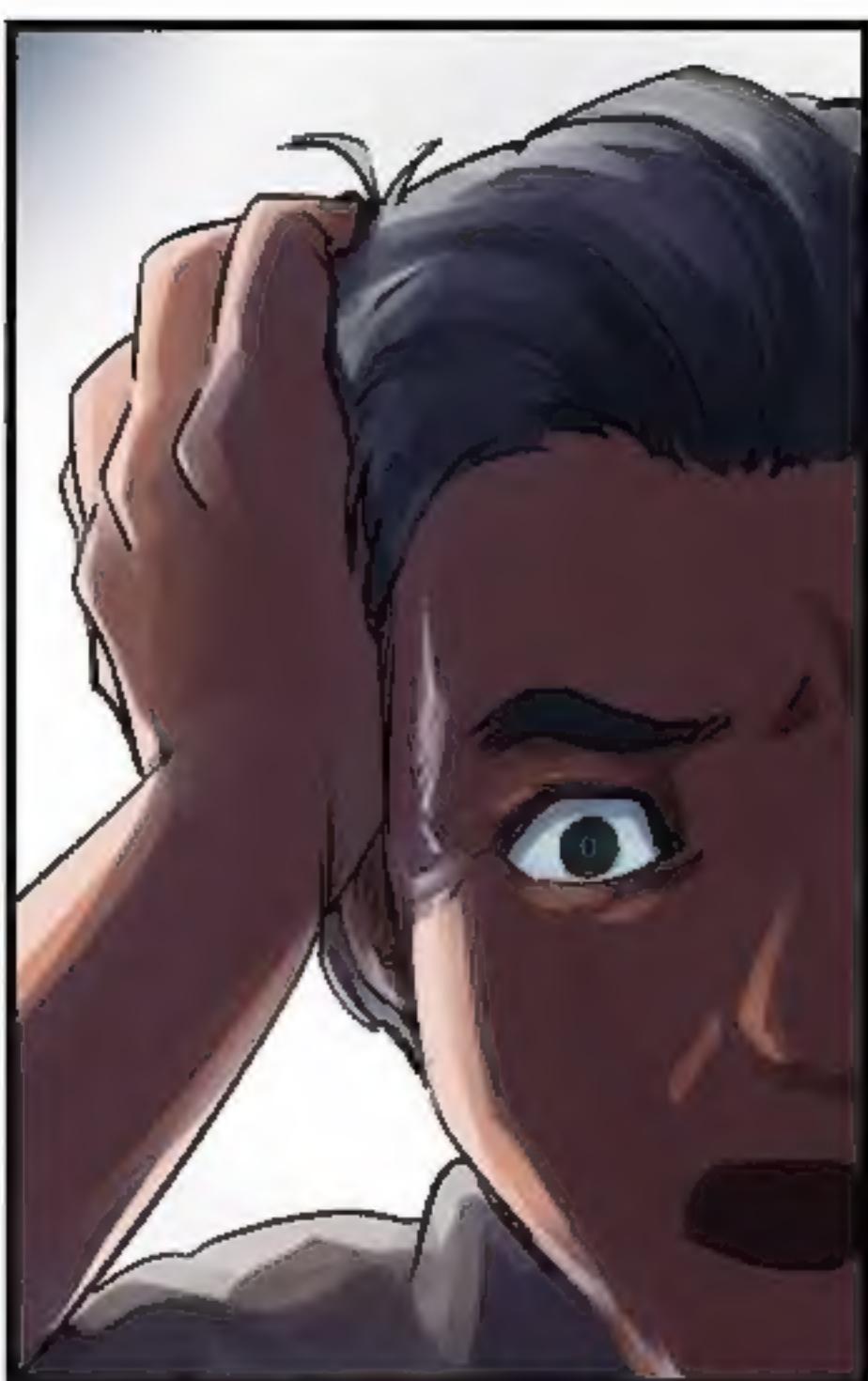
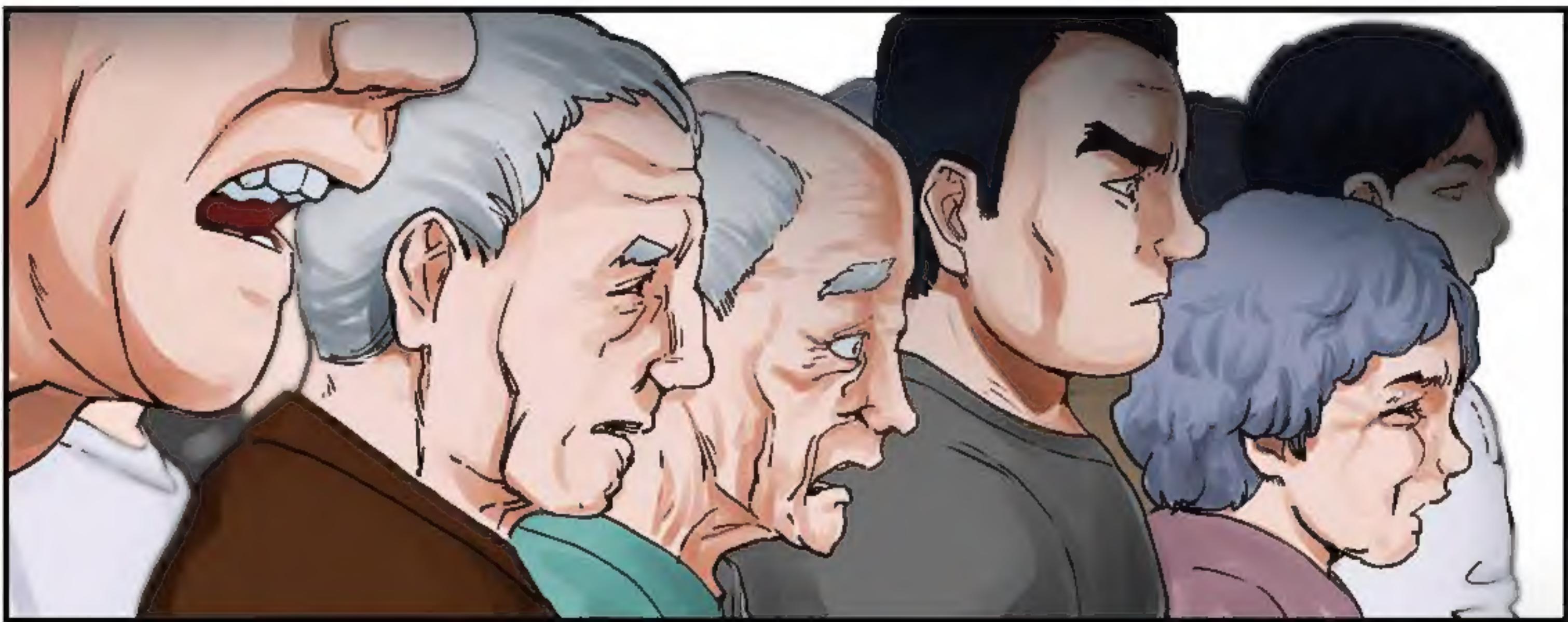
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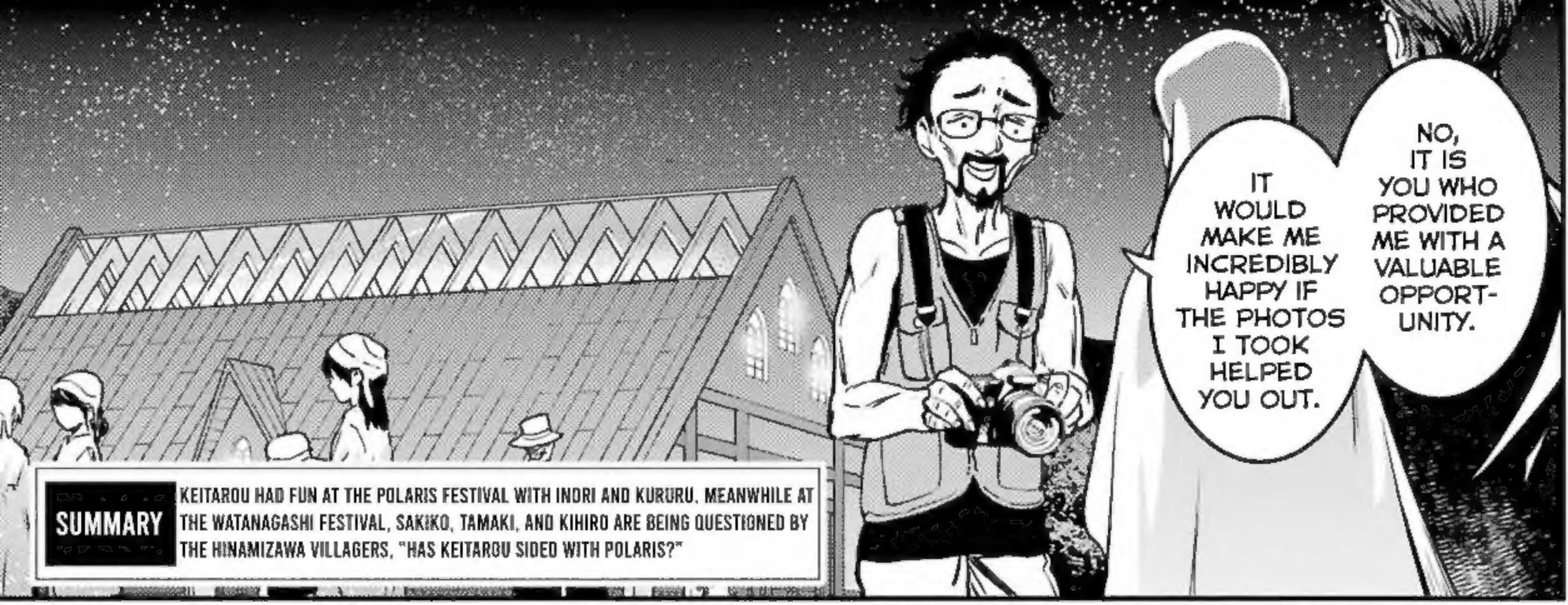


CARRYING THE THOUGHTS
OF FOUR PEOPLE...

COME TO
THINK OF IT,
WATANAGASHI
SHOULD BE
ENDING RIGHT
AROUND NOW,
TOO...







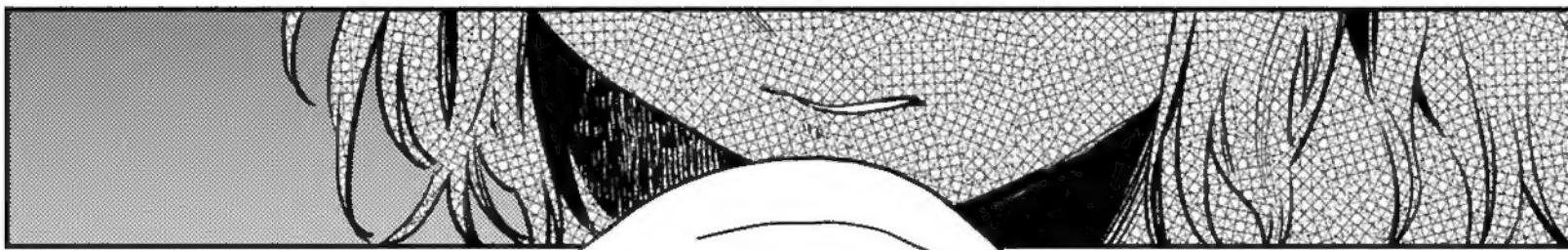
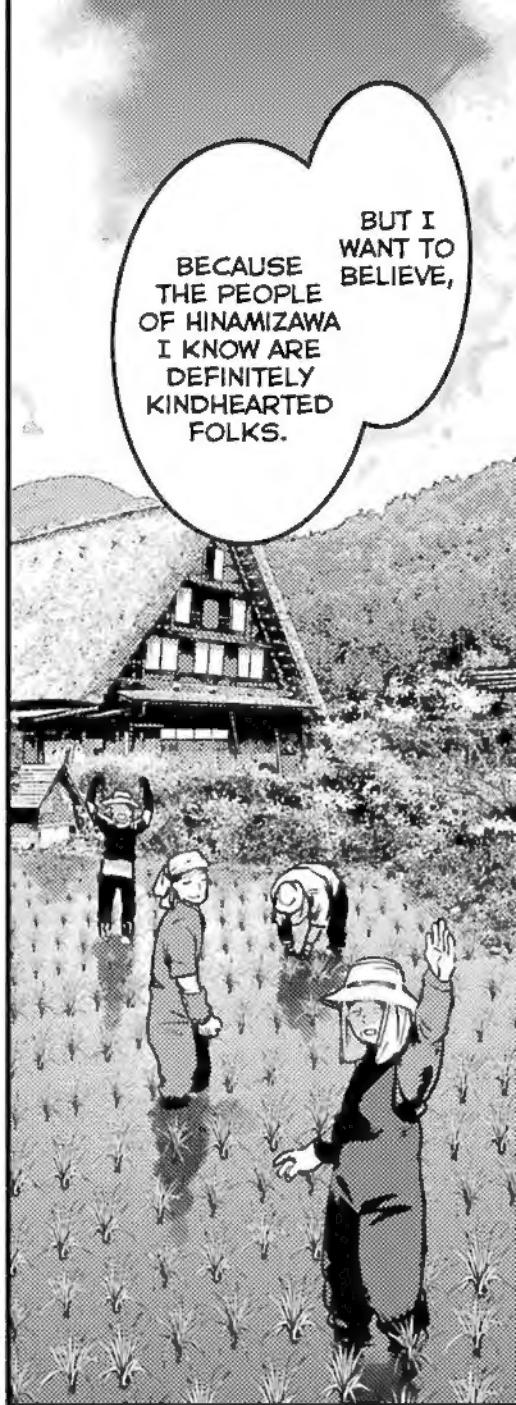
KEITAROU MAEBARA: KEIICHI'S ONLY SON. MOVED FROM TOKYO TO HINAMIZAWA.



INORI MIKAZUKI: A MYSTERIOUS GIRL WHO GOES TO THE SAME SCHOOL AS KEITAROU.



KURURU ISHKI: A GIRL WHO GOES TO KEITAROU'S SCHOOL, ONE YEAR YOUNGER.



AND I
FEEL LIKE
SOMEONE
WHO ONLY
MOVED HERE
A LITTLE
WHILE AGO
HAS NO
BUSINESS
SAYING
THESE THINGS
IN THE FIRST
PLAAAACE★

I MEAN,
SENPAI,
YOU'RE
JUST
TALKING
DOWN TO
US AT THIS
POOOINT.

BEING
ASHAMED
OF THEIR
OWN
ACTIONS?

IT'S FAR
TOO HIGH A
HURDLE TO
SURMOUNT,
GETTING
PEOPLE
LIKE THAT
TO UNDER-
STAAAND.

PEOPLE
WHO WOULD
HARASS
OTHERS
JUST FOR
NOT BEING
LIKE THEM?

BECAUSE
MY FATHER IS
AN INFLUENTIAL
FIGURE IN
HINAMIZAWA,
KEIICHI
MAEBARA.

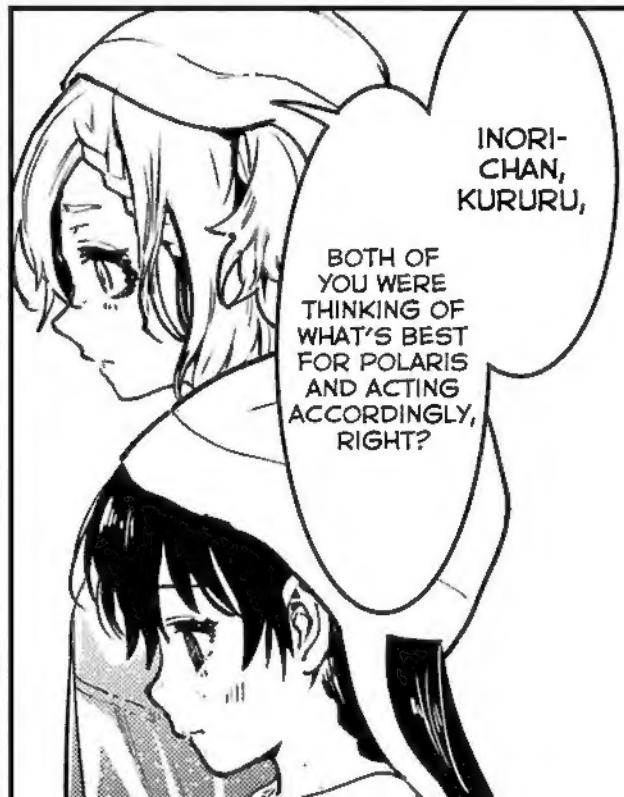
BUT
STILL, THE
REASON
YOU INVITED
ME HERE
TODAY,
IS
BECAUSE
SOME-
WHERE IN
THERE, YOU
WANT TO
RECONCILE
WITH THE
PEOPLE OF
HINAMIZAWA,
YEAH?

TO
HAVE THE
NERVE TO
COMPLAIN
AFTER
SHOWING
ACCEPT-
ANCE....

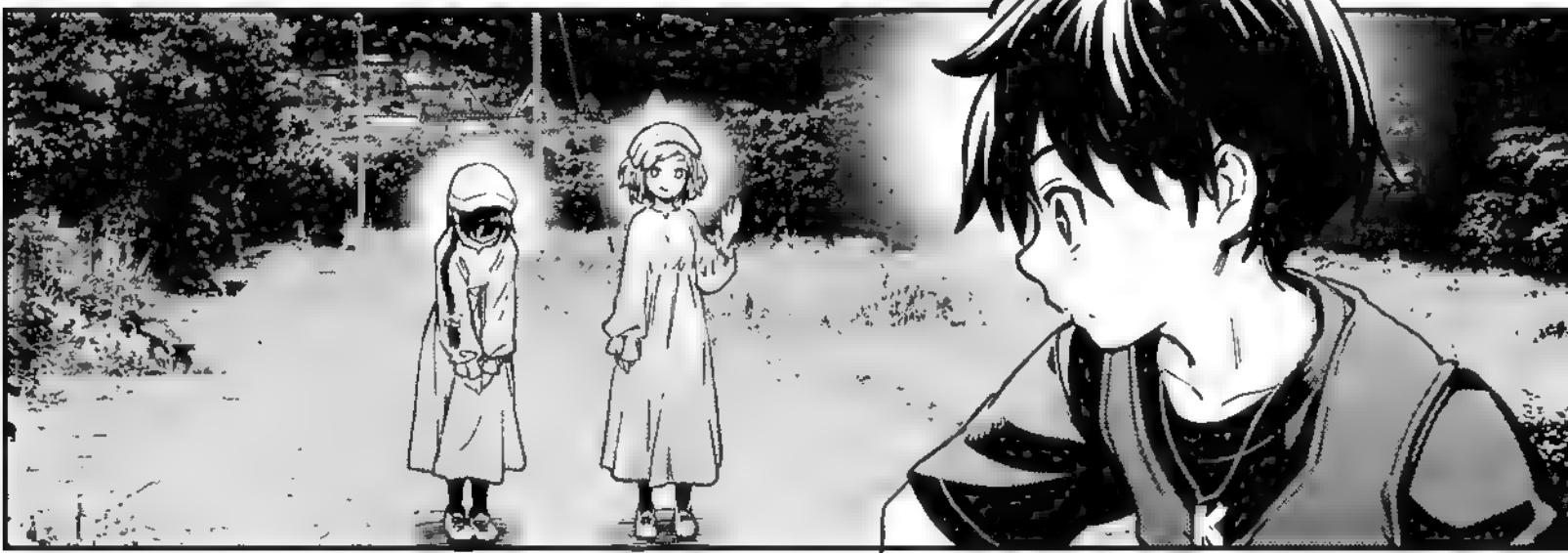
EVEN
THOUGH
WE
PROPERLY
SHOWED
THEM
OUR WAY
OF LIFE,

IT'S
SO
UN-
FAIR.

CLENCH













IF THE
PEOPLE OF
HINAMIZAWA
ACTUALLY TAKE
THE BAIT
AND DO
SOMETHING,

THEN ALL THE
WORK GRAMPS AND
DAD DID TO GET
HINAMIZAWA
RECOGNIZED AS
A WORLD HERITAGE
SITE COULD BE
FOR NOTHING!

IF
THEY
DID
THAT,
THEN...!

I'M
SURE
THEY
KNOW
THAT!

NO WAY
IN HELL
I'LL LET
'EM DO
THAT!

PLUS,
UNCLE KEIICHI
SHOULD
BE COMING
BACK TO
HINAMIZAWA
SHORTLY.

THE
VILLAGERS
HOPE HINA-
MIZAWA GETS
RECOGNIZED
AS A WORLD
HERITAGE
SITE, TOO.

AND
THE VILLAGERS
WOULDN'T DO
ANYTHING
TO SPOIL THE
EFFORTS
POURED
INTO THIS.

THE
KIMIYOSHI AND
SONOZAKI
FAMILIES,
HELMING THE
EFFORT, HAVE
FORBIDDEN
FIGHTING
WITH
POLARIS.

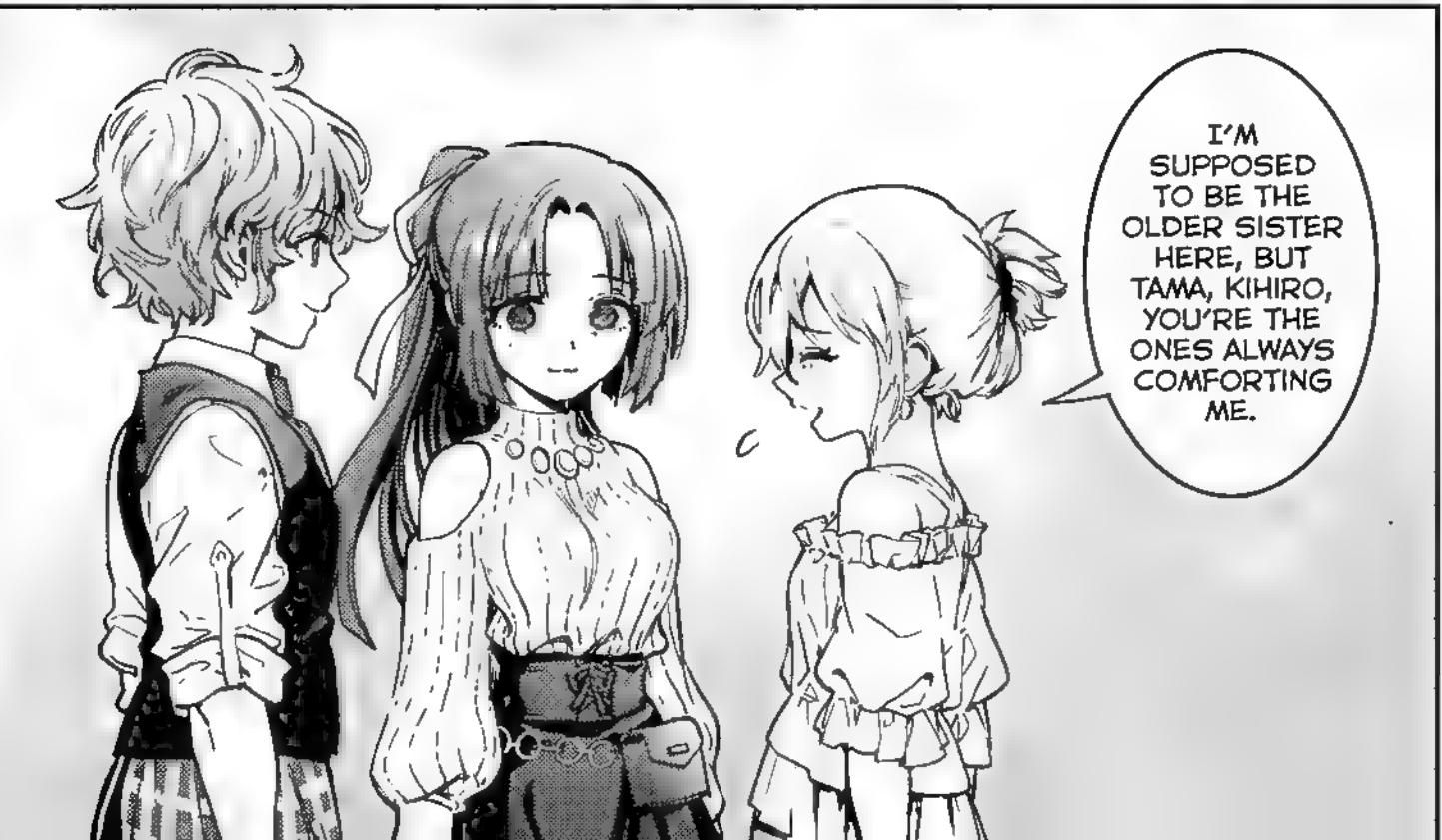
SIS
SAKI,
FOR
NOW, LET'S
BELIEVE IN
EVERYONE
IN HINA-
MIZAWA.



KIHIRO RYUUGU: RENA'S SON. ESPECIALLY CLOSE TO KEITAROU, AND IN THE SAME CLASS.

TAMAKI SONOZAKI MION'S DAUGHTER, AND FUTURE HEAD OF THE SONOZAKI FAMILY

SAKIKO KIMIYOSHI: SATOKO'S DAUGHTER. ONE YEAR OLDER THAN KEITAROU





THEN WE CAN GIVE KEITAROU A CHANCE TO WIN SOME OF THE PRIZES!

AND WHILE I'M AT IT, I'LL SHOW OFF AND BRAG ABOUT ALL THE SWAG I WON FROM THE WATANAGASHI STALLS~

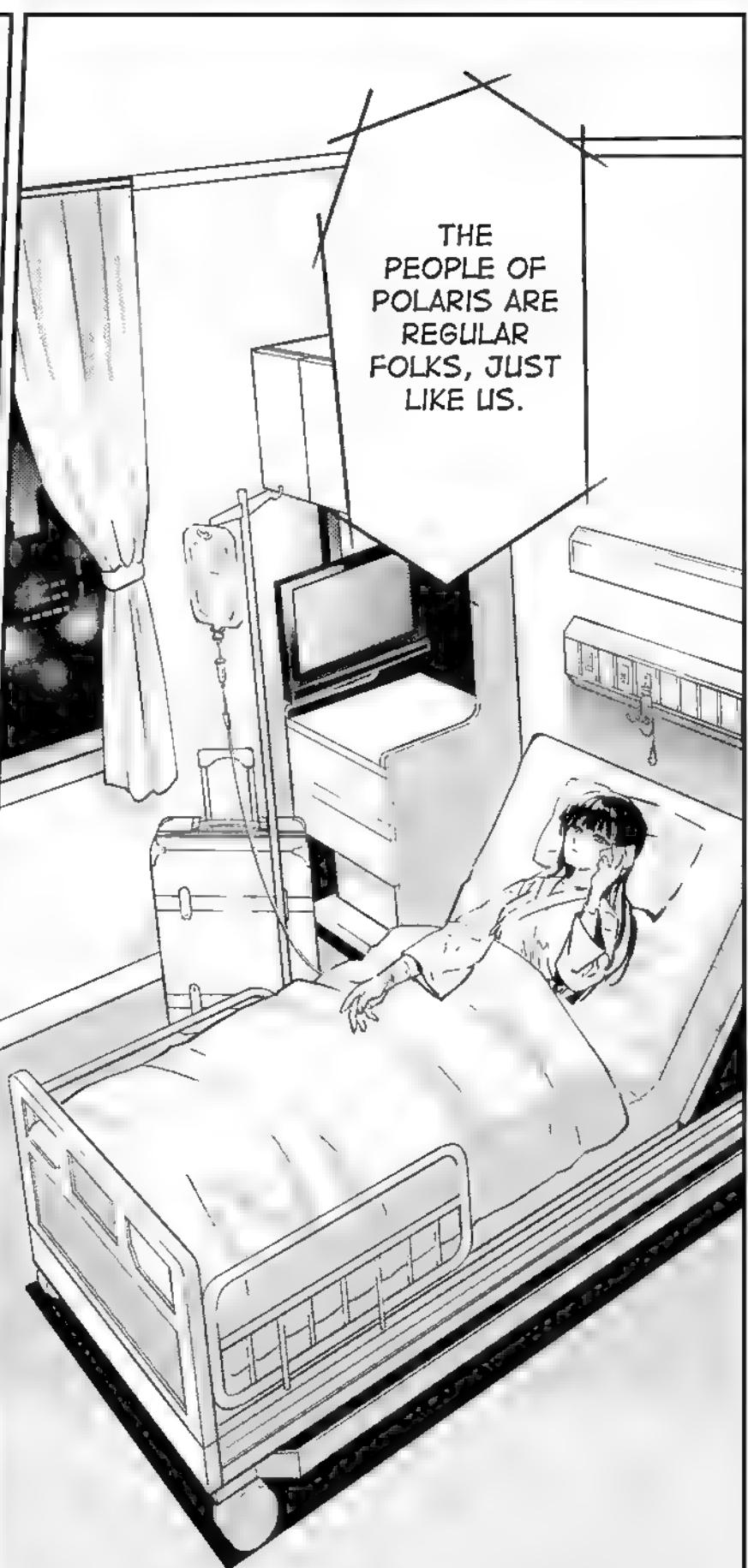
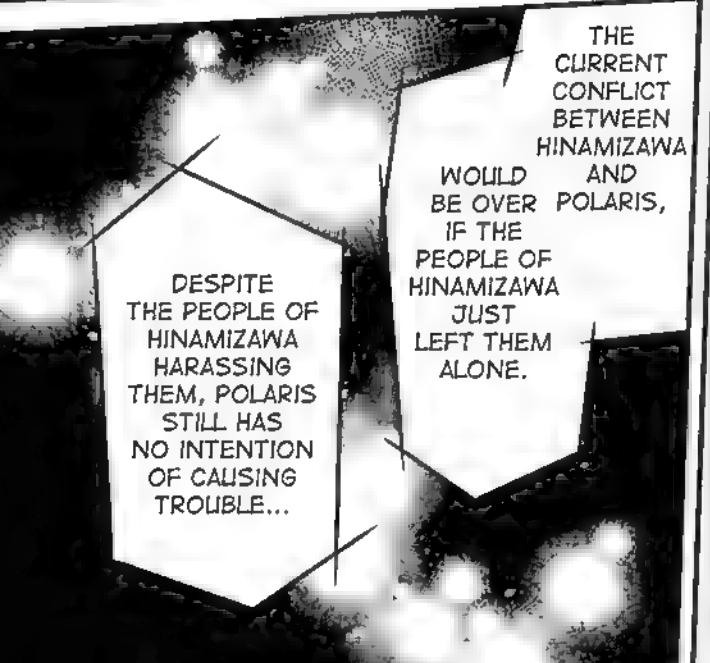
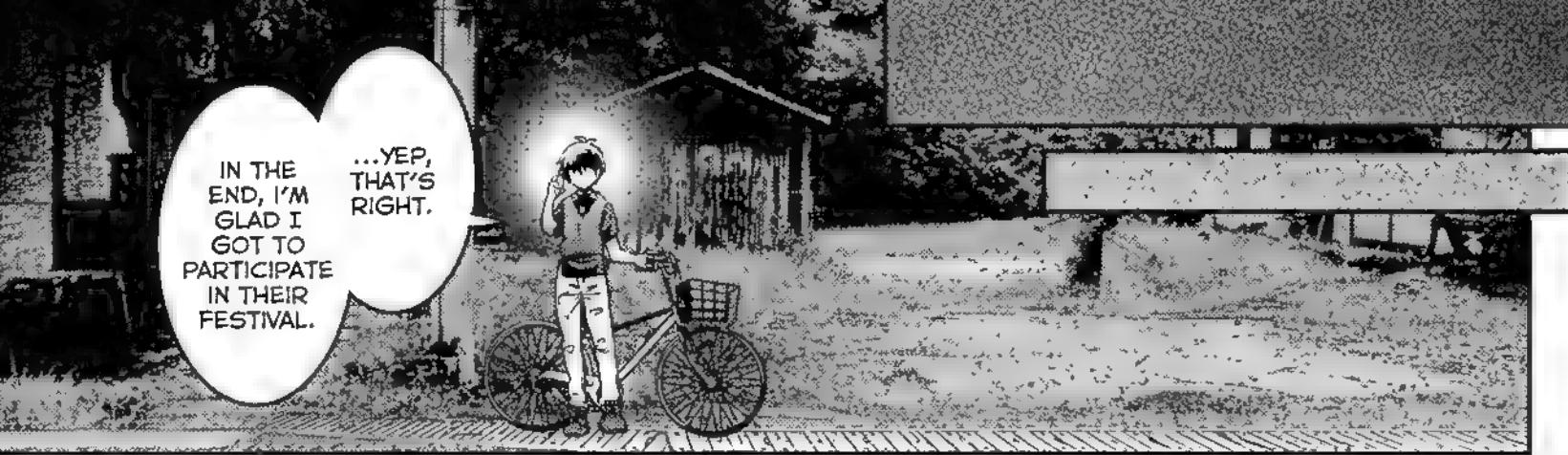
I'LL LAY INTO HIM ABOUT IT WHEN WE SEE HIM TOMORROW! BESIDES, IT'S MOSTLY KEITAROU'S FAULT!

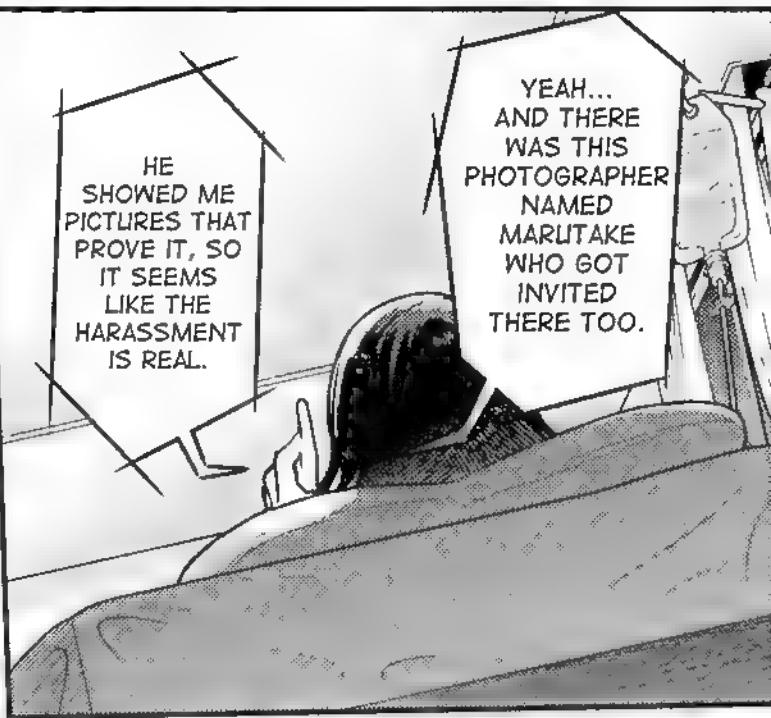


HMM... I WONDER WHAT OUTFIT I'LL MAKE HIM WEAR? IF HE CAN BEAT US IN A GAME TOMORROW THEN HE'LL GET A FREE PRIZE, BUT IF HE LOSES THEN IT'S PUNISHMENT TIME...



KAYTARO... I WONDER IF HE'S ALL RIGHT...?





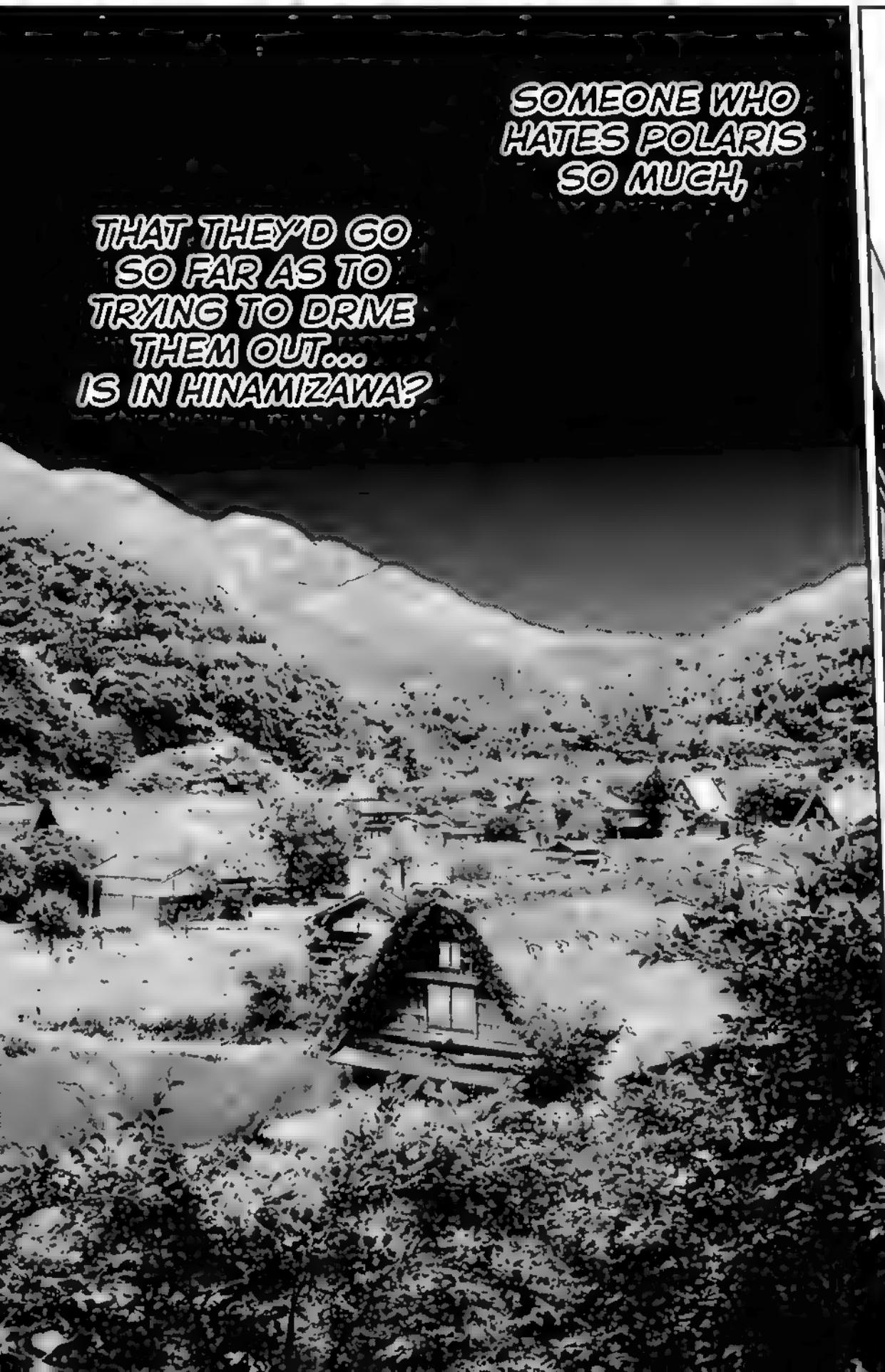
BOTH THE SONOZAKI AND KIMIYOSHI FAMILIES HAD GIVEN THE VILLAGERS STRICT ORDERS NOT TO MESS WITH POLARIS.

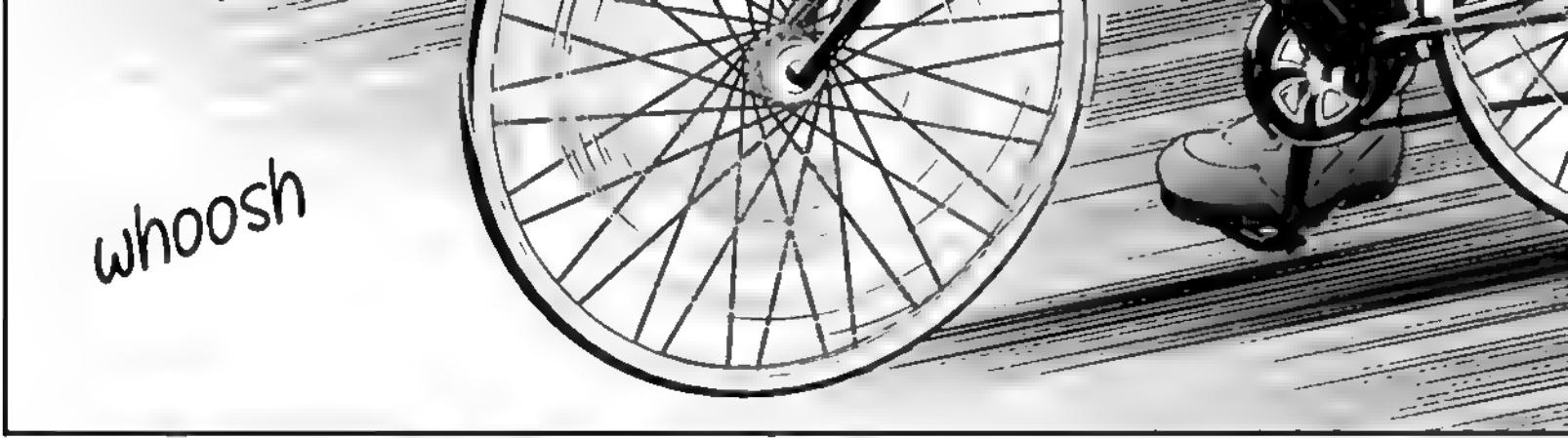
WHILE HINAMIZAWA IS IN THE MIDDLE OF BECOMING RECOGNIZED AS A WORLD HERITAGE SITE, PEOPLE ARE BEING CAREFUL NOT TO CAUSE ANY TROUBLE.

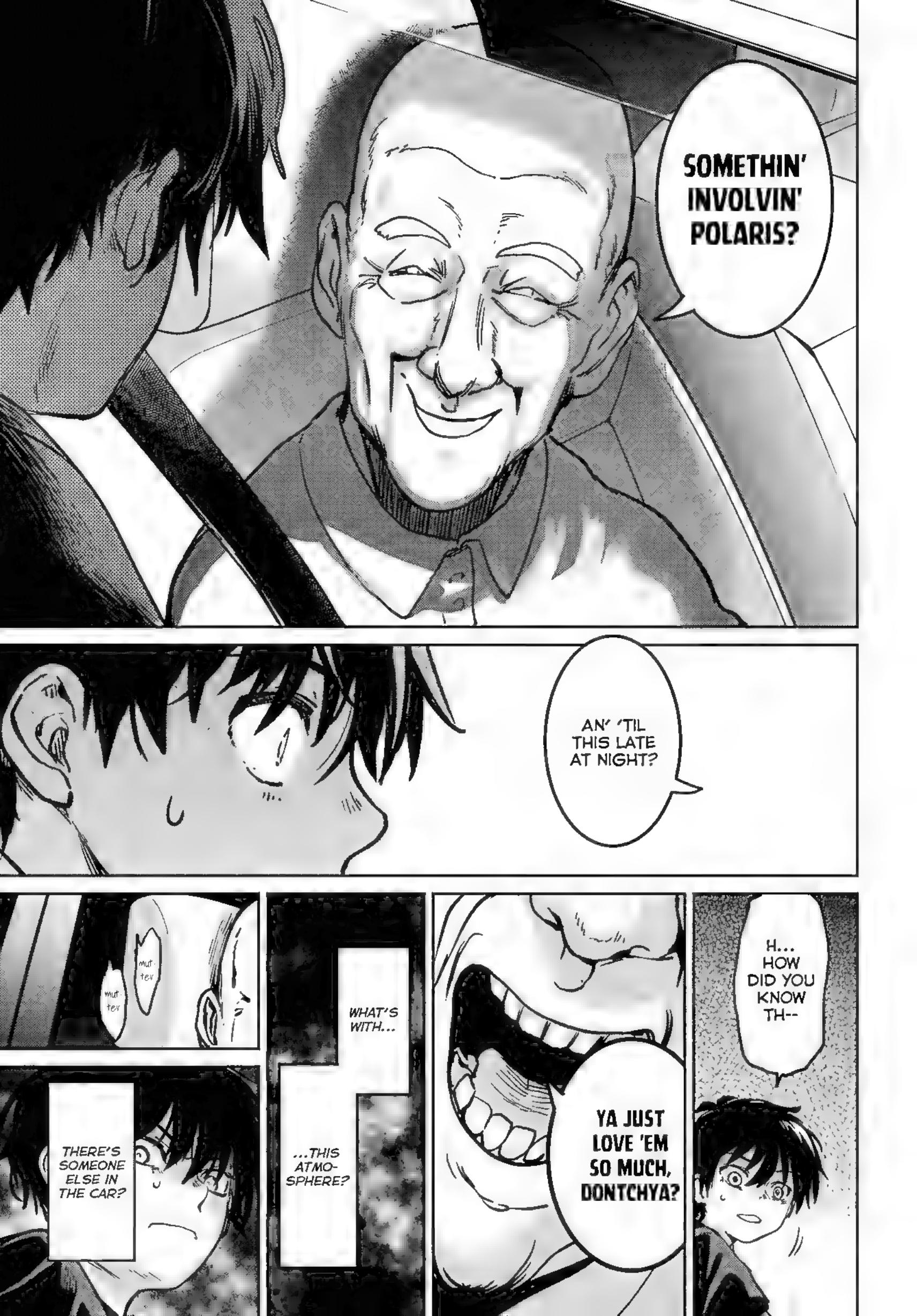
THAT THEY'D GO SO FAR AS TO TRYING TO DRIVE THEM OUT... IS IN HINAMIZAWA?

SOMEONE WHO HATES POLARIS SO MUCH,

COULD THERE BE ANY VILLAGERS WHO WOULD DEFY THAT JUST TO HARASS POLARIS...?







SOMETHIN'
INVOLVIN'
POLARIS?

AN' 'TIL
THIS LATE
AT NIGHT?

mut-
ter

WHAT'S
WITH...

YA JUST
LOVE 'EM
SO MUCH,
DONTCHYA?

THERE'S
SOMEONE
ELSE IN
THE CAR?

...THIS
ATMO-
SPHERE?

H...
HOW
DID YOU
KNOW
TH--

POLARIS
IS A
DANGEROUS
CULT.

YOU
AIN'T BEEN
AROUND THESE
PARTS FOR
A WHILE, SO
MAYBE YA AIN'T
KNOW,

KEI-
TAROU-
KUN,

ON TOP
'O THAT, TO
GO AS FAR AS
HARASSIN'
HINAMIZAWA...

THEY GOT
NO LOVE
FOR THEIR
HOMETOWN!!

IN SPITE 'A
BEIN OUTSIDERS,
THEY GOT NO
RESPECT
FER FOLKS
WHO LIVED
'ERE FIRST!

TH-
THAT'S
N--

THEY'RE
AIMIN'
TO TAKE
OVER THE
VILLAGE 'N
DRIVE US
OUT, NO
DOUBT
ABOUT IT!

LIVIN'
ON THEIR OWN
EVEN THOUGH
HUMANS'RE 'SPOSE
TO SUPPORT ONE
'NOTHER, THAT'S
JUS' ARROGANT!

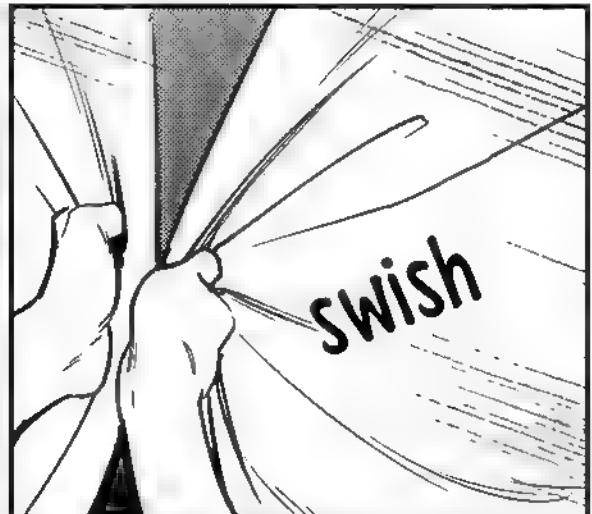
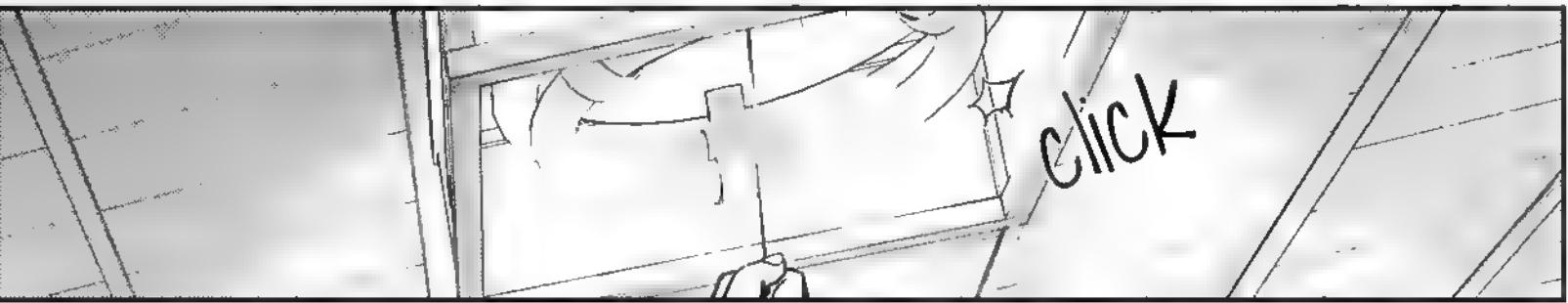
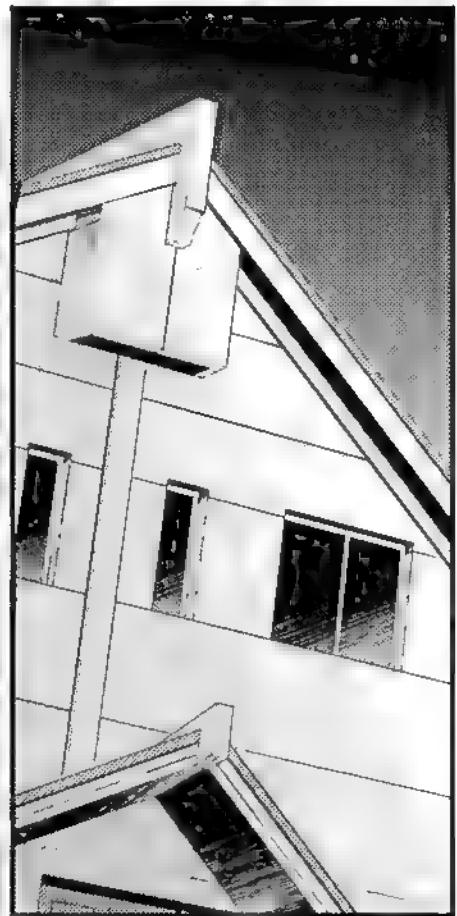
THEY
AIN'T
EVEN
TRYIN'
TO
FIT IN
HERE!

THEY'RE
STRINGIN
YA ALONG,
KEITARO-
KUN!

THE
VILLAGERS
OF HINA-
MIZAWA
ARE THE
ONES
HARASSING
POLARIS!









OR
RATHER,
SOME
ENEMY
OF HINA-
MIZAWA...

IT'S AS
IF THEY'RE
SEARCHING
FOR SOME
ALLY OF
POLARIS!

THAT WAS
CLEARLY A
HOSTILE WAY
OF ASKING
ME ABOUT IT!

THE PEOPLE
OF HINAMIZAWA
DON'T THINK
WELL OF
POLARIS,
I ALREADY
KNEW THAT.

BUT...
ISN'T THIS
STRANGE?!

BECAUSE
I SIDED
WITH
POLARIS?

...BEING
REGARDED
AS AN
ENEMY OF
HINAMIZAWA?

AM
I...

...WERE ALL EITHER TRAITORS TO THE VILLAGE, OR PEOPLE WHO MADE THINGS INCONVENIENT FOR THE VILLAGE.

SINCE THE END OF THE DAM WAR, THE VICTIMS OF THE CURSE OF OYASHIRO-SAMA...

WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT THE STRENGTH OF UNITY IN THE RESIDENTS, IT SOUNDS GOOD TO HEAR, BUT...
...I FOUND IT TERRIFYING.

COULD THAT REALLY BE JUST A COINCIDENCE?

RUMORS SPREAD QUICKLY IN A SMALL RURAL COMMUNITY.

THERE'S NO WAY MAYOR KIMIYOSHI IS THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS I WENT TO THE POLARIS FESTIVAL.

IF AN INCIDENT RELATED TO THE CURSE DOES HAPPEN AGAIN THIS YEAR...

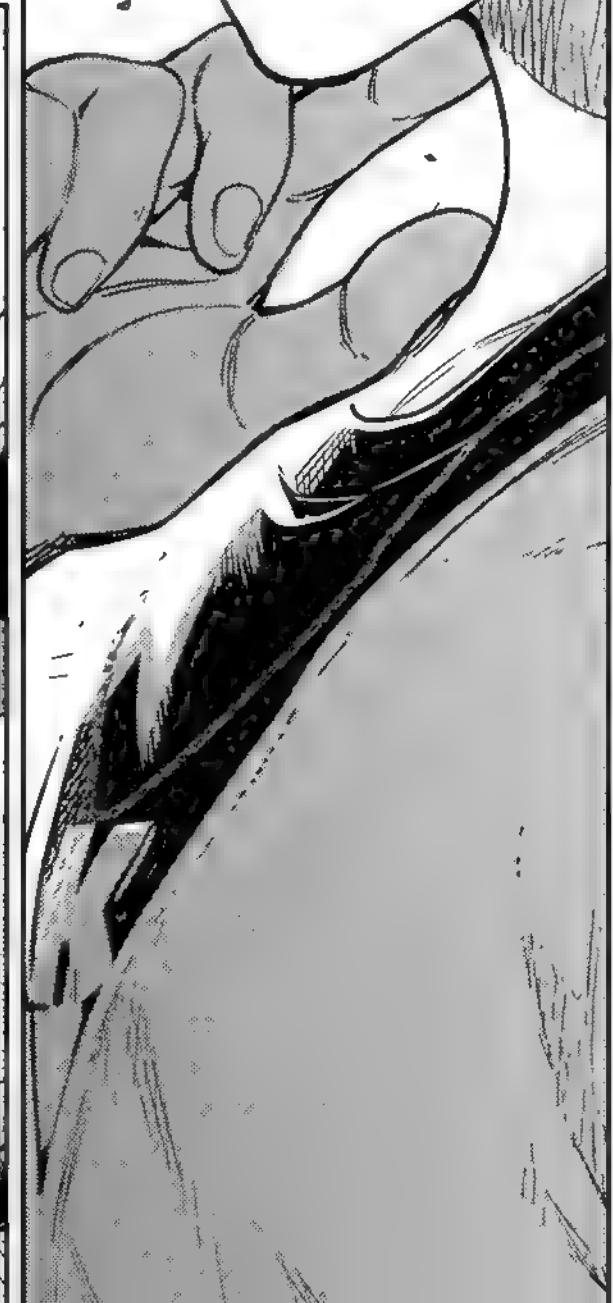
I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.

HOW FAR... JUST HOW FAR HAS WORD SPREAD?

THERE ARE PEOPLE IN HINAMIZAWA WHO DO WISH FOR THE CURSE TO OCCUR...

OYASHIRO-SAMA MUST BE OUTRAGED.

YES.

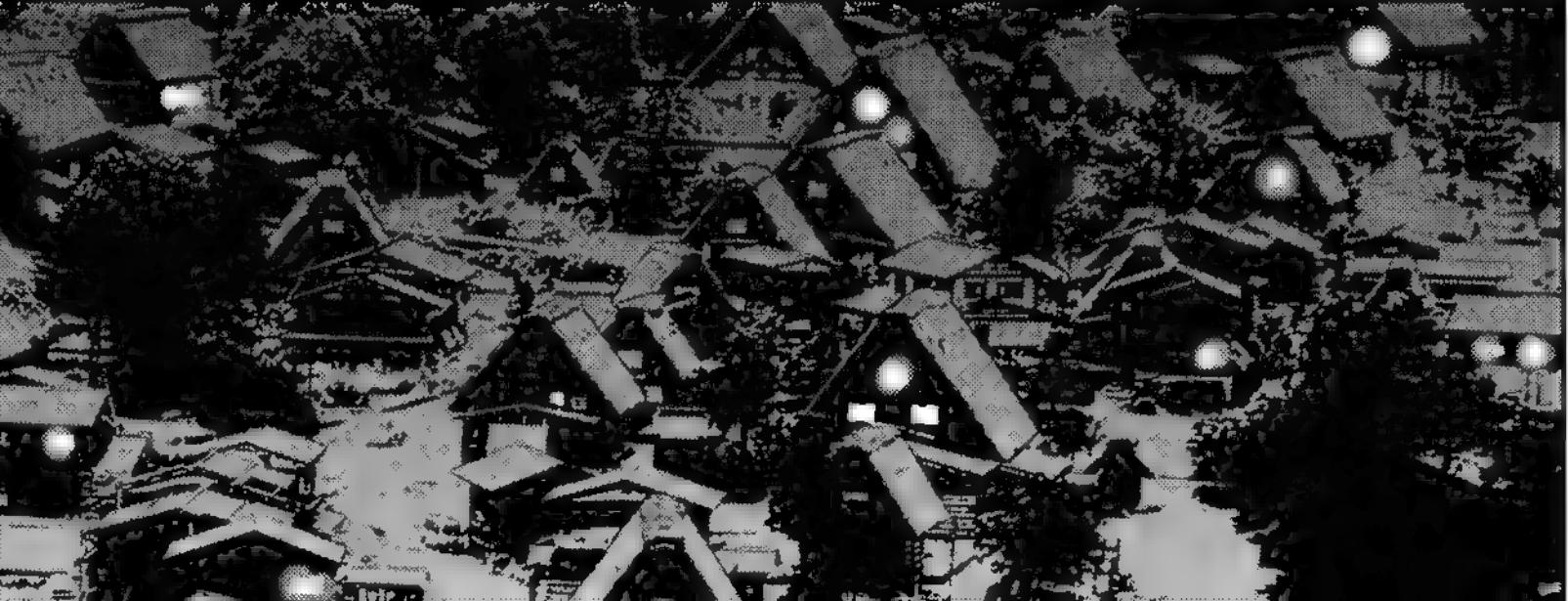
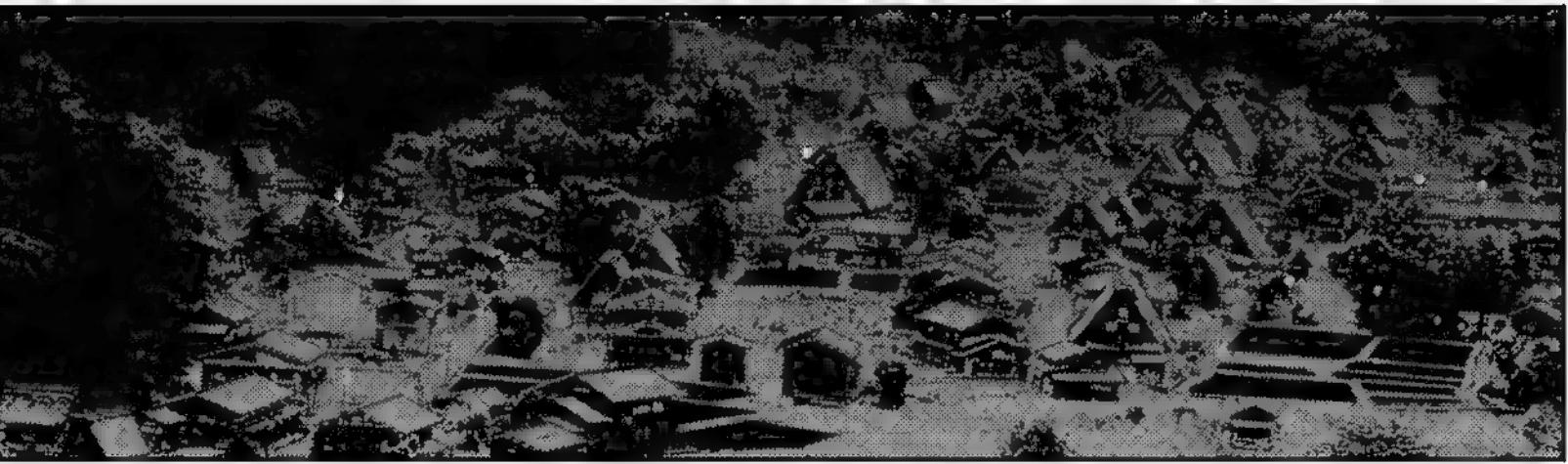






I MEAN...
IF WE CAN'T
REACH AN
UNDER-
STANDING
EVEN AFTER
TALKING
IT OUT...
...WHAT
WOULD
I DO?

OO





NO
WAY I
CAN BE
CALM!

HUH?

HEY!
CALM
DOWN,
WHAT'S
GOING
ON...?

THEN I YOU WENT
GUESS YOU TO THE
DON'T KNOW? POLARIS
YOU DIDN'T FESTIVAL,
SEE ANY- RIGHT?
THING, DID
YOU?

HE'S
BEEN
DEMONED
AWAY!

WE CAN'T
GET IN
TOUCH WITH
HIM, AND
NOBODY'S
SEEN HIM
SINCE THE
WATANAGASHI
FESTIVAL...!

MY
DAD
IS
GONE.

MY
DAD...

THE CURSE
OF OYASHIRO-
SAMA.
IS THAT
WHAT YOU
WANT TO
SAY...?

THAT'S
ABSURD!

...WHAT
IS THAT?
SOUNDS
LIKE THERE'S
ANOTHER
VOICE COMING
FROM BEHIND
SAKIKO...



OBVIOUSLY,
SOMEONE
DID THIS
TRYING
TO MAKE
IT LOOK
LIKE THE
CURSE!

THE
CURSE OF
OYASHIRO-
SAMA
WOULD
NEVER
TARGET
HIM!

THAT'S
IMPOSSIBLE,
DAD HAS BEEN
DOING HIS
BEST FOR
THE SAKE OF
HINAMIZAWA!

AND WHO
WOULD
BENEFIT THE
MOST IF
MY DAD
DISAPPEARED?
POLARIS,
RIGHT!?

HEY!
ARE YOU
SUS-
PECTING
POLARIS
HERE??!

I DIDN'T
SEE ANY-
THING, AND
POLARIS
HASN'T
DONE
ANYTHING!

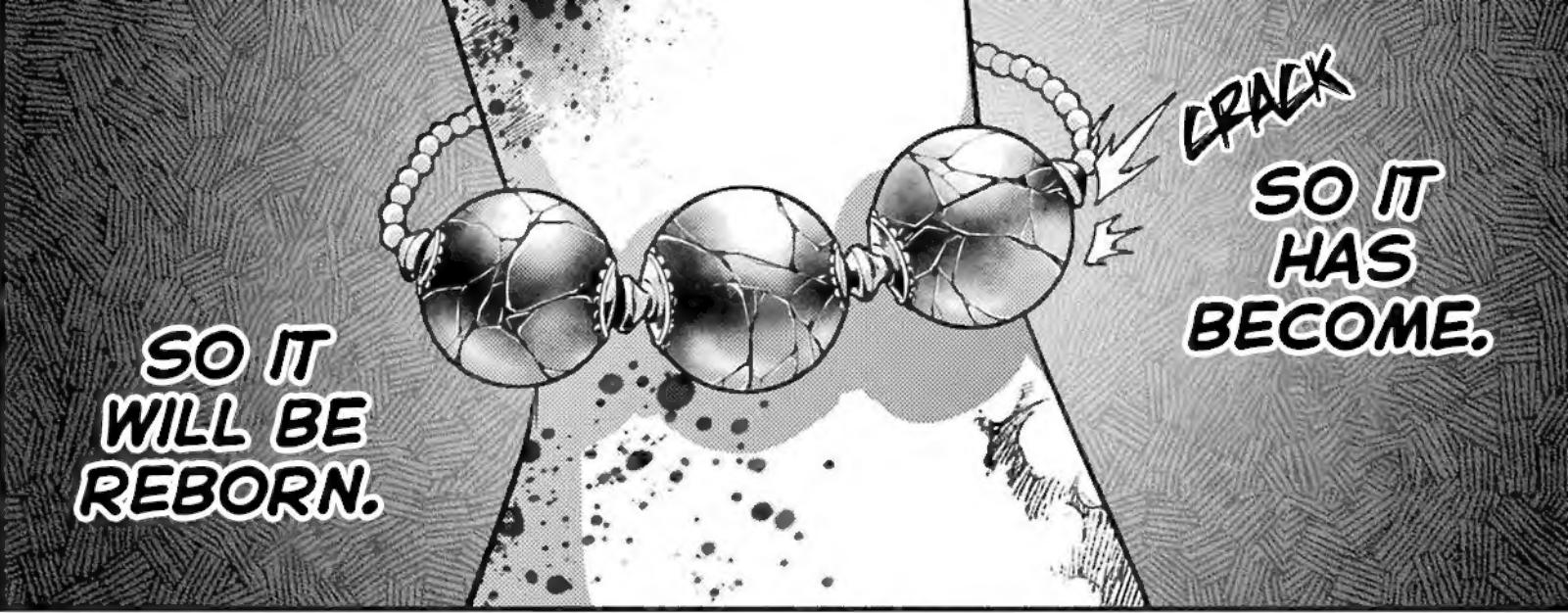
SAKIKO'S
FATHER...
THE NEXT HEAD
OF THE
KIMIYOSHI
FAMILY...

...DISAPPEARED,
ON THE DAY
OF WATANAGASHI?!









SO IT
WILL BE
REBORN.

CRACK
SO IT
HAS
BECOME.



HERE
IN THE
REIWA
ERA.

THE
CURSE OF
OYASHIRO-
SAMA,

TRAGEDY ARISES ONCE MORE...

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